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New England Public School Community,

We are incredibly excited to begin our 2023-2024 school year at NEPS! Each new school year brings us the hope of a new beginning to our school. This year will be particularly exciting as we welcome new faces and changes to NEPS that will elevate academic standards, produce well-rounded students, and create a positive school culture. One of the main goals for this academic year is to create a strong partnership with parents, guardians, and all patrons of the New England Public School District. There is an old saying, “it takes a village to raise a child.” A strong partnership between all members of the school community will help make NEPS a strong academic institution and a great place to be!

In addition to this letter, please review all Back-to-School documents that are located on our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>).

- 1st Day of School:
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

- Arrival/Dismissal Times:
Students are **NOT** to arrive before 8:00 am
Students will be dismissed at 3:15 pm

- Breakfast:
8:00 am – 8:25 am

- Elementary Academic Day:
8:30 am – 3:15 pm

- High School Academic Day:
7:30 am (Zero-hour weights class)
8:30 am 1st period Begins
3:15 pm End of Academic Day



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- New Staff Members:

We are very excited to welcome new staff members to New England School!

Scott Jung	Superintendent
Sandra Ledbetter	K-12 Principal
Jaden Schoch	Assistant Principal/Math Teacher
Gerlyn Gildo	2 nd Grade
Lanie Smith	4 th Grade
Joann Larson	Business Teacher
Ashly Kraenzel	Physical Education/Health
Cheyenne Hanson	3 rd Grade Teacher
Casey Kessel	Science Teacher
Michaela Fischer	Family and Consumer Science Teacher
Kyra Frank	Title I Teacher
Jessica Gussey	1 st Grade Teacher

- New Policies:

Cell Phones/Personal Electronic Devices:

More schools across the state and nation are implementing no cell phone and/or personal electronic devices in their schools. Recent research is showing that schools that do not allow cell phones are seeing an increase in academic performance, an increase in in-person socializing amongst students, and a decrease in teenage anxiety. NEPS will be adopting a no cell phone/personal electronic device policy. If you would like to view the policy, please visit our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>) and look in the new updated student/parent handbook. If you would like further information regarding studies on the impact of students academically, please visit (www.awayfortheday.org).

Academic Integrity Policy:

At New England Public Schools, we value academic honesty and integrity. Academic dishonesty (cheating) is unacceptable because it threatens the ability of a student to learn the material falls below our expectation of conducting oneself with honesty and integrity. If you would like to view the policy, please visit our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>) and look in the new updated student/parent handbook.



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Attendances and Absences:

Regular attendance is essential to success in school. Frequent absences disrupt the continuity of the instructional process. Therefore, it is very important that students attend on a regular basis. A student with frequent absences may be reported to outside agencies per North Dakota Century Code. If you would like to view the policy, please visit our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>) and look in the new updated student/parent handbook.

Tardy Policy:

Being punctual to classes is an important part of the school process. Showing up late for classes interrupts the learning environment for all students. Punctuality is also a skill that is necessary for success in the workplace. NEPS has adopted a new tardy policy and procedures. If you would like to view the policy, please visit our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>) and look in the new updated student/parent handbook.

Semester Finals:

NEHS will be administering cumulative semester finals near the conclusion of each semester. A semester exemption policy has also been created to reward students that earn high grades and attend school on a regular basis. If you would like to view the policy, please visit our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>) and look in the new updated student/parent handbook.

Virtual Learning Plan

In accordance with state requirements, NEPS has adopted a new Virtual Learning Plan. This plan explains the procedures for elementary students, high school students, and parents for those situations when NEPS declares a virtual day of learning for extenuating circumstances (i.e. weather). If you would like to view the policy, please visit our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>) and look in the new updated student/parent handbook.

Discipline Matrix:

The administration at NEPS has developed a discipline matrix to consistently enforce school policies for all grade levels. If you would like to view the policy, please visit our school website (<https://www.nepstigers.com>) and look in the new updated student/parent handbook.



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- Athletics

Start Dates:

August 7 Junior High/High School Football Begins
August 14 Junior High/High School Volleyball Begins
August 14 Junior High/High School Boys' & Girls' Cross Country Begins
August 16 Elementary (4/5/6) Girls' Basketball Begins
September 26 Elementary (4/5/6) Boys' Basketball Begins

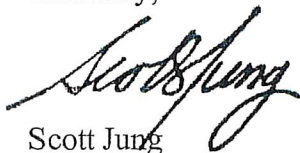
Requirements:

Student athletes participating in ANY extra-curricular sports programs (**Grades 4-12**) are REQUIRED to file a PRE-PARTICIPATION HEALTH HISTORY SCREENING AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION CLEARANCE FORM each year with the Activities Director or Coaches prior to participation. Please have the NDHSAA Physical Form completed prior to the physical! Additional forms can be downloaded at

https://d2q0tptsfejku7.cloudfront.net/uploads/files/NDHSAA_Physical_Form.pdf

We are most certainly looking forward to seeing you at school and the many other school events throughout the year. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Scott Jung

Superintendent

New England Public Schools

